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CIA is out to kill me, Castro charges

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NEW DELHI (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro said Monday the Reagan administration has ordered the CIA to resume efforts to assassinate him.

He said the information came from "trustworthy sources," and called the Reagan government "the modern barbarian of our times."

Addressing the opening session of the 7th summit of nonaligned nations, the Cuban leader delivered a wide-ranging, two-hour onslaught on Reagan's policies throughout the world, particularly in southern Africa, Central America and the Middle East.

"Through trustworthy sources, we have learned that the U.S. administration has instructed the Central Intelligence Agency to resume the plan to kill Cuban leaders, especially their president," Castro declared.

"What else can be expected from such an unscrupulous character" as Reagan, Castro said.

CASTRO ASSERTED that previous U.S. administrations had made similar plans to kill him, "as confirmed before the U.S. Senate."

He said he was forced to order an increase in Cuba's armed forces by 500,000 men because of "the continuous provocative threats launched by the president of the United States against our country."

"The decision of the present U.S. administration to resort to any means whatsoever against Cuba is proclaimed openly," Castro declared. He said this was in reprisal for Cuba's relentless pursuit of its revolutionary principles, its coopera-

tion with the Third World and its refusal to "sell out to American imperialism."

"The illegal and criminal Yankee economic blockade of Cuba has already lasted for 23 years, an event unprecedented in the world," Castro said. "We have not and never will yield to the modern barbarian of our times."

INDIAN PRIME Minister Indira Gandhi, in a speech opening the summit, said the future of mankind was jeopardized by the threat of nuclear holocaust and economic collapse.

She said heads of state should consider attending the United Nations General Assembly session this year and "spend a week or 10 days together to give a fresh collective look at some of the major problems of the world."

Gandhi, who succeeded Castro as chairman of the nonaligned conference, touched on a wide range of issues in her address and made an impassioned plea for nuclear disarmament.

"Humankind is balancing on the brink of the collapse of the world economic system and annihilation through nuclear war," she said. "Never before has the Earth faced so much death and danger."

She urged collective action to prevent the collapse of the world's monetary system and called for the convening of an international financial conference.

ONE-HUNDRED nonaligned countries are participating in the summit, and 70 of them are represented by their heads of state or heads of government.

Gandhi appealed to Iran and Iraq, members of the conference, to end their "tragic war."

She expressed hope for "early normalcy" in Afghanistan but did not comment specifically on the estimated 90,000 Soviet troops stationed there. That issue may lead to a confrontation between Soviet-influenced countries and nations such as Pakistan which seek a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.